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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24

REF: A. PORT OF SPAIN 0638

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1. DURING A CALL ON GOVERNOR SCRANTON ON APRIL 21, UNDER SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO (PR) LUIS AGRAIT DISCUSSED THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ON THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24. AGRAIT REPORTED THAT DURING TALKS BETWEEN PR SECSTATE ALBORS, WITH PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS, FOREIGN MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JOSEPH AND MINISTER OF INDUSTRY ON MARCH 11 (REFTEL A) THEY EVIDENCED UNDERSTANDING OF THE SELF-GOVERNING STATUS OF PUERTO RICO BUT GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THEY WOULD DO OTHER THAN ABSTAIN ON ANY MATTER RELATED TO PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24. AGRAIT INFORMED US THAT AT THE SUGGESTION OF BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN ALBORS DID NOT PRESS GOTT LEADERS FOR A SPECIFIC COMMITMENT AT THAT TIME.

2. BOTH GOVERNOR SCRANTON AND AMBASSADOR WHITE EMPHASIZED
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THE GREAT ADVANTAGE THAT WOULD DERIVE FROM GOTT SUPPORT ON

PUERTO RICO AND ALSO THAT THE GOPR IS IN THE BEST POSITION TO EXERT LEVERAGE ON THE GOTT ON THIS ISSUE. GOVERNOR SCRANTON POINTED OUT THAT SINCE WILLIAMS PRIDES HIMSELF ON BEING A SCHOLAR AND A MAN OF PRINCIPLE, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO BRING HIM AROUND ON THE QUESTION. AGRAIT RESPONDED THAT A DELEGATION FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WILL BE MAKING A FOLLOW-UP VISIT TO PUERTO RICO IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT WHICH TIME IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE FORCEFUL REPRESENTATIONS ON PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24.

3. COMMENT: BECAUSE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PERMREP ABDULAH, A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24, IS THE ONLY CARIBBEIAN

REP ON THE COMMITTEE, USUN ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MAKING EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO ASSURE GOTT SUPORT ON PR.

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